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College pushes for \$20 parking fee

■ Additional \$4 fuels heated debate

By Gabe Serrato
el Don Staff Writer

Already staggering from repeated financial blows in the form of tuition increases, a proposed 25 percent increase in parking fees could cause RSC students to be knocked out of the educational arena.

"The fees are going up as it is," said RSC student Tom Rederscheid. "If the fees go up any more students won't come to school. I myself may not be able to attend."

The parking increase is a recommendation made by administration to produce additional revenue to the college in order to prevent layoffs and cuts in programs to students, said Edward Hernandez, executive vice chancellor.

Already, pay reductions and about thirty classified layoffs have been made in order

to balance the budget. The proposed parking fee increase comes on top of Gov. Pete Wilson's \$30 a unit proposal and RSC's \$1 per unit increase in materials fees.

According to Vivian Blevins, RSC's chancellor, "As a state we are crippled economically and it (the parking increase) is absolutely essential."

"We are trying to balance the budget through a variety of strategies and you can only do that by cutting (services) or enhancing revenue," added Blevins.

RSC student Karen Quagletti agreed that the economy is suffering but sympathized with the students who would be shut out by the added fee.

"I think it's sad because it (the increase) is going to keep some people from attending school," said Quagletti. "But on the other hand the state is in a recession and I don't know where the people expect the money is going to come from."

However, Carrie Pennock, also an RSC

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VOICES

RSC students gathered around the administration building to protest the rising cost of higher education. Kevin Jones, protest organizer, was one of many who spoke out against Gov. Wilson's proposed \$30 a unit for community colleges.

1,500 RSC students unite to fight higher costs

Sarah K. Cron
el Don News Editor

SANTA ANA - "No way, we won't pay," echoed down 17th Street on April 29 as over 1,500 RSC students chanted and marched in protest of proposed community college fee hikes.

At about noon students walked out of their classes as the earthquake alarm sounded. Shortly

after, about 1,500 students rallied in front of the administration building to protest the pending fee hikes.

Two RSC students wore their feelings on their backs as they paraded down the street clothed only in bathing suits and sandwich boards stating "Governor Wilson is stripping me of my education."

Jesse Jimenez, an English major was one of a few students who laid down in front of traffic on 17th

Street to show the seriousness of the protest.

"The only way we are going to resolve this is in death," he said.

"Our society is crumbling right beneath us and they (the government) are taking the last thing we have to get off the streets away from us, which is our education. I am willing to get radical."

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Rising tuition rates rock RSC transfers

■ FINANCES: UC and CSU transfer students may be locked out of the system as higher education costs soar

By Roger Denman
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - After state officials slammed the door on hopes for a college education by increasing community college unit fees, the UC and CSU systems slipped in the deadbolt when they voted unanimously to increase annual fees 33 percent.

Students at the Universities of California will pay \$4,039 per year beginning next fall. Cal State students can expect to pay \$1,788 in tuition next semester and over \$2,500 beginning in 1995. Graduate students will be charged 150 percent of the current tuition rate

next year.

Cal State Chancellor Barry Munitz said that the increase is intended to add more classes to college schedules next year; however, many campuses are expecting a mass boycott by both graduate and undergraduate students at public universities.

Also, one-third of the money from the increase will be apportioned toward financial aid.

Lisa Thomas, a student spokesperson for Golden West College, said that many students wanting to transfer to public colleges are dismayed over the increase.

"Most students that are support Please see COSTS, Page 3

Over-the-counter remedies may do more harm than good

By Larry Murrieta
el Don Staff Writer

Literally thousands of people, every day, use over-the-counter drugs to alleviate the symptoms of illness. But what these people might not know is that they're causing more harm to themselves than good.

"Millions of Americans use non-prescription remedies to cure headaches, alleviate cold and flu symptoms and maintain regularity," said Brian Katcher, a pharmacy consultant for the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Office of Senior Health Services.

"But some people indulge in too much of these over-the-counter drugs and as a result, serious side

effects occur."

According to Katcher, most people do not view over-the-counter drugs as being harmful because they're so readily available, but Katcher warned nonprescription drug users that although the remedies they seek are available in their neighborhood stores, they are still using a drug and that the potential for misuse is high.

Katcher recommended that everyone who uses an over-the-counter drug follow the dosage indication to get the maximum benefit of that particular drug. "This is especially true for middle-aged and older users," said Katcher.

"Elderly patients, as well as children Please see HEALTH, Page 4

College Wire

Five Arrested in Burglary Ring

TOLEDO, Ohio (CPS) - A May 11 hearing date has been set for five fraternity members at the University of Toledo charged in connection with a burglary ring believed to have netted more than \$60,000 in stolen property.

The five members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity face charges ranging from trespassing to breaking and entering and receiving stolen property, The Collegian newspaper reported.

Campus Police Chief Joseph Skonecki said the burglary ring was believed to have hit commercial businesses in three nearby counties in addition to the university for the past seven to eight months. About \$25,000 of the stolen property was believed to belong to the university.

Arrested were Douglas Bartells, 22, of Perrysburg, Ohio; Kevin Schroeder, 22, of Ottawa, Ohio; David Sutula, 21, of Richfield, Ohio; James Yaggie, 22, of New York State; and Ramzi Sulayman, 19, of Toledo.

Colorado State Tries Fewer Cars

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (CPS) - Employees at Colorado State University were asked to leave their cars at home at least one day a week as part of the university's "Don't Drive One in Five" campaign.

"The idea is to educate citizens to the significant impact they can make by giving up one day a week of driving alone," said Kay Rios, staff assistant for Colorado State's office of parking management.

The university gave free refreshments to people who walked to campus jobs and had a bicycle mechanic who made free, on-the-spot bike adjustments.

Officials estimate 1.4 million miles are driven in Fort Collins every day, and 86 percent of those vehicles have only one occupant. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that 140 million cars travel almost 4 billion miles daily, using more than 200 million gallons of fuel annually and emitting about 4 billion pounds of carbon dioxide.

Each year, 42 million gallons of fuel could be saved and 840 million pounds of carbon dioxide eliminated if 1 percent of Americans didn't drive at least one day a week.

Columbia Gets \$60 Million Gift

NEW YORK (CPS) - A graduate of Columbia University donated \$60 million to establish a financial aid endowment for minority scholarships in Columbia College, the university's co-educational undergraduate liberal arts division.

The gift from John W. Kluge, chairman of Metromedia Co., is the largest ever made to Columbia.

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A lotta pinata...

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Students from Wilson Elementary School in Santa Ana celebrate Cinco de Mayo in RSC's Santa Ana campus amphitheatre with pinatas and dancing. RSC's MEChA club sponsored the day's activities which included an ethnic dancing demonstration by Valley High School's 15-member Yoliliztli group who performed Jalisco dances such as El Trancete and La Negra. Yoliliztli means "movement in dance." Omar Navarro, an RSC art student, demonstrated his skill at painting T-shirts as part of the day's events. The recent death of Ceasar Chavez was also commemorated.

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PARKING: fees to help maintain 'quality service'

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student, said she didn't mind paying the increase.

"It doesn't bother me...because I feel the community colleges could afford to raise tuition a little bit along with parking fees," Pennock said.

Out of the seven community colleges in Orange County, RSC has the lowest parking fees, at \$16 compared with \$20 that other colleges charge.

Hernandez and J.R. Johnson, RSC's director of district safety, both agreed that the increase is needed to provide the students and faculty "quality service."

"By law the money (from park-

ing fees) can only be used for parking lot related items (such as) lighting, maintenance, security and safety," said Hernandez.

By adding more security officers and new platforms, Johnson said, "This semester we've already significantly reduced crime in the parking lots."

The increase of \$4 will "help maintain current levels of security in the parking lots...and allow us to make additional improvements in that area," said Johnson.

But Heather Herbert, associated students president disagreed.

"They have no specifics as what they are going to do with the money except to offset cost," said Her-

bert. "Their only rationale behind the raising fees is that the...price of our sticker is less than other community colleges," added Herbert.

"When they raised (parking) fees last year they made promises which they have not yet fulfilled (telephones in the parking lots and additional security officers). We do have more full-time security but less part-time," she continued.

However, Hernandez said that the fee increase is needed to continue making security improvements.

Heather Herbert, associated students president

"There has been a lot of concern...to provide more safety and security. That's where this money will go," said Hernandez.

One student said he would rather walk than pay.

"It (the increase) is enough for me not to buy one (parking sticker)," said Rederscheid. "I'll take the bus or walk instead of paying."

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Many students, like Jimenez, expressed their views more verbally on the rising cost of an education at the community college level.

"A lot of people come to a community college because they can afford it. If it's going to be \$30 a unit, they might as well go to a university," said Martha Sanchez, an RSC student.

"Students are very concerned about what is going to happen to their future," said Caryn Thomason, also a student on campus.

"People can't afford to pay. They start here at the junior college level because this is the only place they can afford to go. If they don't have this, then they are not going to get educated and Gov. Wilson won't have any constituents to be a governor for," Thomason said.

Dierdre Reed, who plans to attend next semester, said that she would not be able to meet the rising costs.

"I have two daughters and I can't afford it," she said.

Although RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins did not agree with all the ways the students expressed themselves, she supported the reason behind the march.

"I think it's great," Blevins said. "I haven't been on a march like this since the '70s. People need to let their voices be heard."

Heather Herbert, associated student president, after spending weeks organizing the march with Kevin Jones, a Black Student Union member, was surprised by the turn out.

"I think it was a bigger success than I ever imagined. It will get everyone's attention and they won't be able to ignore us anymore," Herbert said.

The crowds of students jammed the sidewalks on both sides of the streets in front of the Santa Ana campus administration building. J.R. Johnson, director of district safety for RSC, said that he had asked the Santa Ana Police Department to close the block during the march but surrounding construction made it impractical.

Instead, the police arrived later to control the traffic and maintain safety for the crowds.

COSTS: Over half of the students would not be able to return next year

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ing their own college education will not be able to pay for a university education at these prices," said Thomas.

A poll conducted earlier this year by Long Beach State University concluded that 54 percent of the student population would not be able to return to school next year if tuition jumped \$600.

Although the increase is only going to be about \$480, a proportional amount of students are expected to discontinue their education after this semester.

Other California universities have conducted polls with similar results.

"And many of those students are going to transfer to Rancho," said Please see TRANSFER, Page 4

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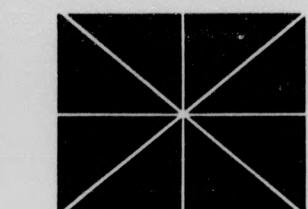
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dren, should stay at the lower range of the dosage recommended because the ability to move the drug through their system is a lot slower than for a person say in their 20s or 30s," Katcher said.

Over-the-counter drug users should also consider their health histories, said Dr. Raymond Harbison, director of the Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology at the University of Florida.

"If you have a medical condition that slows down your body's natural metabolism rate and excretion process, like liver or kidney problems, then consult your doctor before blindly taking an over-the-counter drug," said Harbison.

Katcher and Harbison also cautioned non-prescription drug users to avoid the line of thinking that "more is better."

"When many patients suffer stuffy noses or muscle aches, they tend to reach out for a miracle cure," said

Harbison. "People take sinus medication and aspirin in massive quantities often as a preventative measure thinking that if one pill made them feel a little better then a whole bunch will cure them, but it doesn't. It's especially necessary to be wary of taking a lot of aspirin," said Harbison.

"It's a vaso-dilator, which means that it [aspirin] dilates arteries and veins to increase the blood flow to a wound or to your head," Harbison said.

"If you have a history of hemophilia, or severe bleeding, then taking a mass quantity of something that will make your body inhibit its natural [blood] clotting function could be deadly."

"Drowning your symptoms in multipurpose cold remedies won't return your health any quicker," said Katcher. "There just is no cure for the common cold or for sinus conditions, so less medicine is better than more."

For more information on over-the-counter drugs, consult your doctor or pharmacist, or call the RSC health center at 564-6216.

"The body is designed for balance," he said, "so you throw your hip out to balance the bag."



Wearing backpacks, shoulder-packs or shoulder bags improperly can lead to problems in the back, lower back and trapezius muscle.

Mark Feight,

athletic trainer at Injury Prevention and Care in the Univ. of Neb. Campus Rec. Center

Students expressed the problems that they have had as a result of improper wear of packs.

"I feel fatigue or cramps in my shoulder," said Chris Worthley, a senior psychology major.

Herb Hess, a senior education major, said when his shoulder muscles became tired, he switched shoulders.

This is the treatment recom-

mended by Feight.

"Students should carry less or alternate shoulders, but they get in a habit of using only one," Feight said.

The problems can be amplified if students have had a previous shoulder or back problem.

Rebecca Hinks, a senior biology major said, "I have a pre-existing injury in my shoulder, and I get a lot of pain because I carry too much."

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RSC philosophy instructor John Velasquez.

Velasquez said that a large influx of transfer students will mean less opportunity for underprivileged students that currently attend RSC.

"Those students that transfer here are going to displace students that are already here. They are going to be bumped down another notch, and will be more willing to pay an increased tuition here than some of our present students," Velasquez said.

Students at RSC have mixed reactions regarding the fee hikes. Telecommunications student Alex Saltzmann said that the increase will probably not affect enrollment next year.

"I think that there will not be a noticeable difference in the number of students next year. It will most likely balance out between the students who transfer here from universities and those who leave Rancho because of the tuition fee increase here," said Saltzmann.

Similarly, RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins said, "There was an increase in tuition at the California Universities a few years ago and there was not a great deal of transfer students at RSC. Enrollment was affected very little by the increase."

Dr. Jack Bedell, Cal State Fullerton's associate vice president, predicts that there will be a small drop rate at first, but that the increased financial aid will lure students back to the college.

"Even with the increases, it's still a competitive rate for a great education," Bedell said.

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Wearing bag wrong way could be harmful

By Joel Strauch
Special to el Don

LINCOLN, Neb. - There's a proper way to wear a backpack - but most students opt for a more fashionable one-shoulder look.

However, following fashion can be dangerous, health officials say.

Wearing backpacks, shoulder-packs or shoulder bags improperly can lead to problems in the back, lower back and trapezius muscle, said Mark Feight, an athletic trainer at Injury Prevention and Care in the University of Nebraska Campus Recreation Center.

Hip problems, ranging from minor irritation to pain when standing, can also result from disproportional backpack weight, Feight said.

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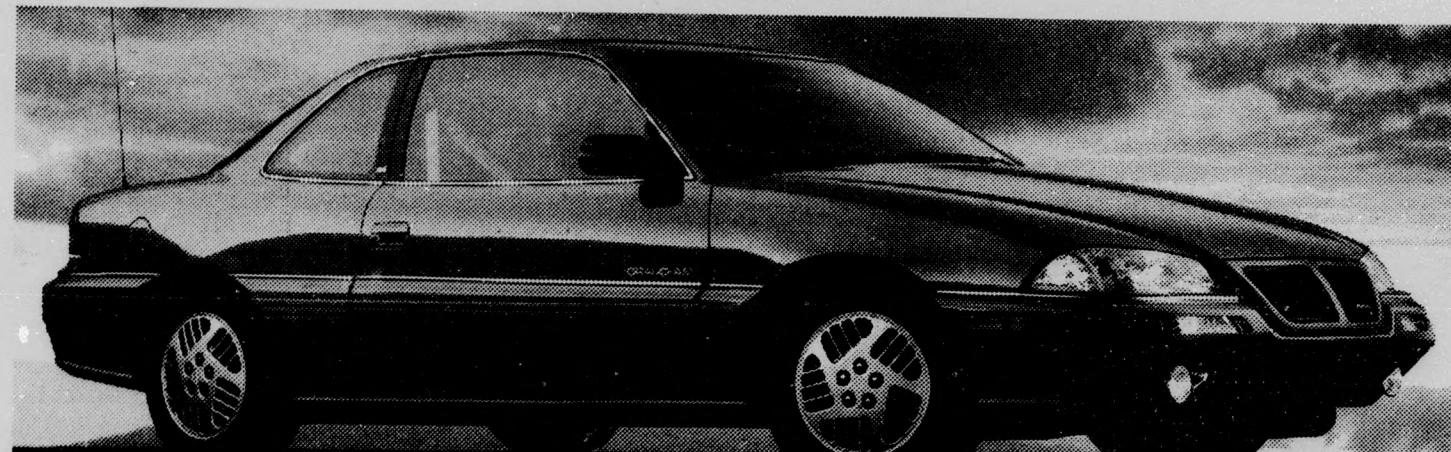
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Staff Editorials

Price of parking raised to \$20 per sticker

Parking fees are the latest victim of "increase fever" that has swept the state and is now at RSC. The chancellor and vice chancellors have proposed that the \$16 parking fee be raised to \$20.

Last semester, the health fee was raised from \$7.50 to \$10, and the parking fee from \$14 to \$16.

This semester, tuition fees were hiked from \$6 per unit to \$10, and just when it appeared that there was nothing left to raise, a "student service fee" was implemented (at \$5 a pop).

Future increases will include Governor Pete Wilson's proposal raising tuition to \$30 per unit, and a new \$1 per unit "materials fee."

RSC students are being inundated with exorbitant fees. Student enrollment dropped by 20 percent this semester because of the higher cost of going back to school. If this trend is to be reversed, local school officials need to seriously look at the fees they charge to see if making a few extra bucks is worth the chance of losing an even greater percentage of students.

Refuse to pay the fee

It's time to register for summer classes. At \$10 a unit, classes are still a bargain compared to state four-year universities. Every dollar counts in these tough economic times, though, so why in the world would a student want to pay an extra \$5 for a "student service fee" that provides no benefits to them?

This fee was first charged this semester; the spring course schedule says that \$2.50 goes for photo I.D. cards and \$2.50 for college activities.

College activities? Like what? How many of you have attended a single event this semester? What are these "college activities" that we fork over our hard-earned bucks for? Who decides what they are and when? Does anyone care?

Of course not. RSC is a commuter campus, and most of the students who attend are interested in getting an education, not attending collegiate social events. This semester, 20,348 students enrolled at RSC. \$2.50 per student adds up to \$50,870 that was supposed to be used for college activities.

The other \$50,870 was supposed to pay for photo I.D. cards. Did it? Did you bother to take time out from your busy schedule to go stand in another line for a card that you won't use and don't need? Anyway, since you already paid the fee this semester, why should you be required to pay this fee again, every semester, for a new card that will be just as useless as last semester's?

In the newly published summer catalog (which will set you back 50 cents) the \$5 student service fee is again listed, only this time with no breakdown of what it is paying for. Since the summer session is much shorter than the fall and spring semesters, the health and parking fees are reduced accordingly. Not the student service fee. Hmm.

If this bothers you and you think this is unfair, then don't pay the fee. Since this fee is only listed as "payable," not mandatory, ask some questions at registration. Refuse to pay. College is costing enough these days without students being harassed by an unnecessary, ambiguous "student service fee."

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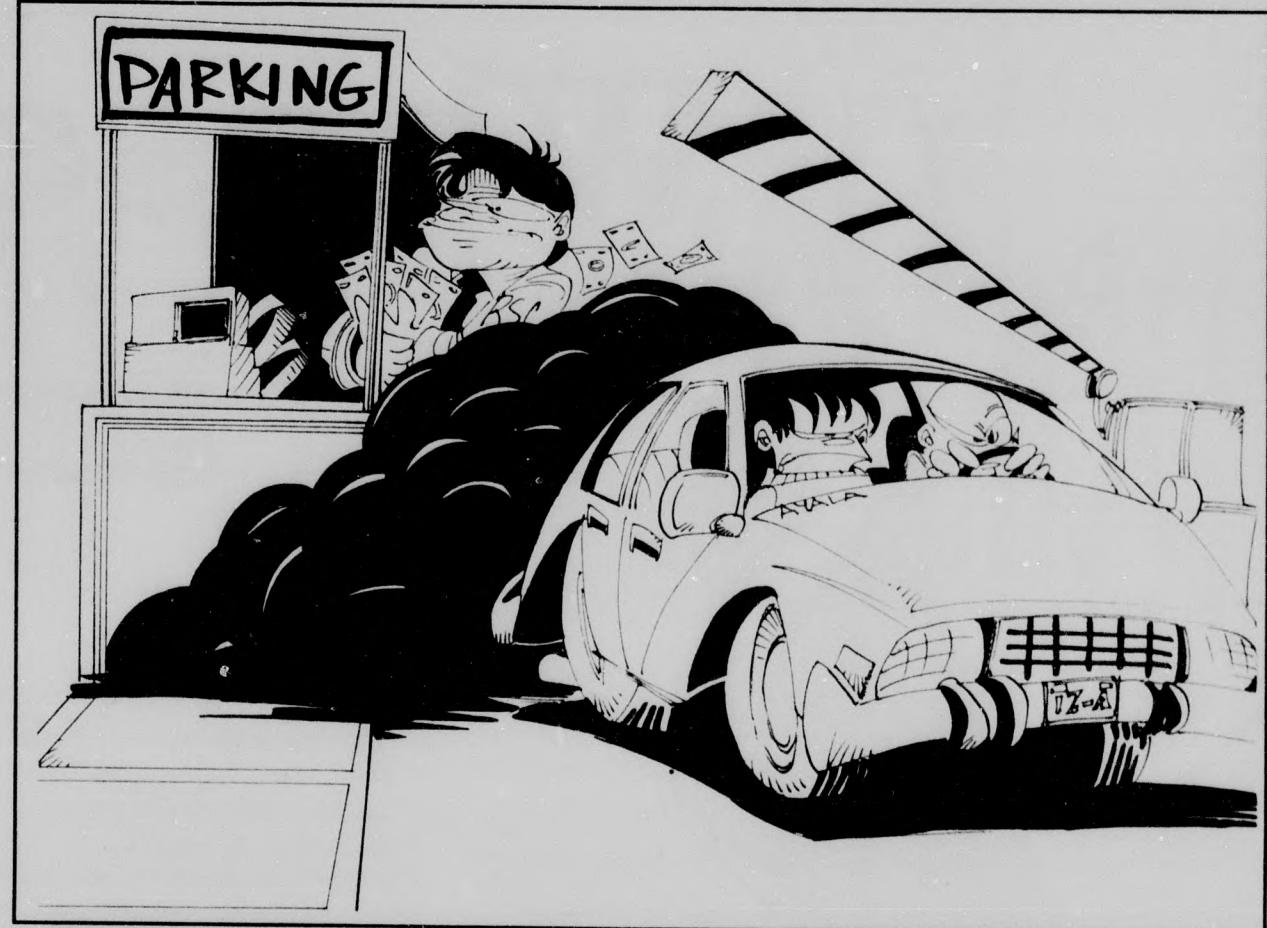
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did the "walkout" protesting proposed fee hikes really do any good?

This letter is in response to the el Don staff editorial, "Let's hear it for another round of increases," which appeared in the April 16 edition of the el Don. In this editorial, the el Don reports of the proposed community college fee increases and reports of the efforts of student activist Kevin Jones in collecting more than 1,000 signatures in protest. Furthermore, readers are urged to take an active role in a protest planned for April 29.

My point is simply this: to cry and to complain and to march and to protest does very little toward either addressing the problem or seeking realistic solutions. It appears to me that Jones and others are peeved simply because they are likely to be held financially accountable for a greater portion of their educational costs. My position is that Jones and others would better serve their cause if they would attempt to provide clear solutions to well defined problems rather than simply arguing against political reality.

Walking out of class on Thursday, April 29 would be as productive as trying to beat back the tide at Newport Beach with a pitchfork! Lets face the facts. Instructors and college administrators do

not donate their time and talent. Buildings and facilities are not self maintaining. Who is going to pay? Business in this state has been soaked to the point that they are leaving in droves. I bet against taxpayers or business paying more. The students are either going to pay more or funding is going to be shifted from other areas of state government. An alternative is to eliminate programs in mass.

Why does a funding problem exist? I have been led to believe the funding problem is a combined result of the state receiving substantially less revenues from taxes while at the same time being forced to spend significantly more for social programs. In any event, this state has finite resources to provide for seemingly infinite wants.

Maybe shifting some resources from financial aid in order to minimize any fee increase would be a good idea? I wonder how many protesters are receiving the maximum grant from the tax payers (Cal Grants?) I wonder how many of the vocal protesters have considered work at MacDonalds to support their education. Or maybe a little work on campus? Or maybe a little work anywhere? Maybe the solution is to reduce

Students will find a way

In your editorial, "It's only a dollar...right?", the statement is made "Students shouldn't be forced to pay for the education of others."

Does any student really believe that the tuition they pay, proposed fee hikes included, even begins to pay for their education? Everyone who enrolls in a community or state college in California is heavily subsidized by taxpayers, many of whom never went to college themselves. Why should they be forced to pay for someone else's education?

Those who really want an education will find a way to get it. Given our horrendous student attrition rate, it's time we got down to the business of educating those who are willing to make the commitment to buckle down and finish what they started. Perhaps if they have to find a way to pay for it themselves, they will.

June Moffett
Support Services Assistant
Educational Programs and Services



Whose war is it anyway?

By Jason A. Spiefogel

"If we persist with this foolishly pretentious attitude that it is our solemn duty to right the world's wrongs, then we would be no better than the despotic government we overthrew 217 years ago"

The year is 1863. The United States is immersed in a civil war, which by its end will claim some 600,000 American lives. In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln receives a telegram from Europe. In it, the European community condemns the war, and calls for an immediate halt lest European forces must be sent in to quell the hostilities.

The above event never happened. But it is pretty easy to guess what Lincoln's, perhaps the entire American population's response would have been. We would have been outraged by the arrogance of the Europeans to even contemplate telling our country what it could or could not do within its own borders. We would have informed them that our internal strife had nothing to do with them and that any foreign forces that attempted to land on American soil for the purpose of "policing" the civil war would be summarily attacked. On this issue, Jefferson Davis, president of the south, would have almost assuredly whole heartedly concurred.

Flash forward 130 years. Yugoslavia is now immersed in what could be argued as a very similar conflict. Albeit the goals are perhaps a bit different, the result is not; death by one's own countrymen.

I agree that this war is tragic. I agree that many lives will be lost, perhaps needlessly. I agree that it is inhumane, even savage to torture and kill people for their ethnicity. I would like to see the entire Bosnia-Herzegovina-Croatian mess be handled with more diplomacy and less

bloodshed. But, it is not my war.

This is not a cop out. We, as a country or as part of a greater global community, have no right to intercede on matters being contained within Yugoslavia's borders. In fact, if we persist on with this foolishly pretentious attitude that it is our solemn duty to right the world's wrongs, then we would be no better than the despotic government we overthrew 217 years ago.

Even when you discard morals and ethics, a myriad of logistical and strategical problems plague this already bad idea.

One of the plans the Pentagon is considering involves isolated air strikes on Serbian artillery emplacements to prevent bombardment on Muslim villages. During Operation Desert Storm, one of the main objectives was to knock out the mobile Scud missile launchers. These were big, slow moving targets, emplaced on featureless, barren terrain. As you probably remember, American pilots had a hard time even finding, never mind destroying, these supposedly easy targets.

Serbian artillery emplacements, on the other hand, are small, extremely portable weapons which are hidden in heavily forested, mountainous terrain. Reportedly, the Serbs are already reacting to this threat by increasing the camouflage on their mortars, or moving them into highly populated civilian targets. Either way, it's pretty clear that removal of Serbian artillery via air strikes is not an option.

If air strikes are ruled out, the only other option is massive troop presence to quell the

fighting. Unfortunately, this plan only works if the warring factions fall within definite borders, and are easily separable. This is far from the case. There are Serb emplacements deep within Muslim areas, and villages inhabited solely by Muslims that lie well within Serb borders. Imagine trying to stop a war in California, with every county fighting every other county. It's a virtual impossibility.

Of course, all of this assumes that the Serbs, Muslims, and Croatians will just throw down their weapons and come out with their hands up at the mere hint of a U.S. troop presence. In a recent CNN interview with a U.N. general, the reporter asked the general if U.S. forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina would stop the Serbs from fighting. The general replied in a far from assured voice, "Well..., I hope so." The next scene showed a Serbian soldier who was quoted as saying, "We will defeat any U.N. forces that come against the Serbs. We are stronger than any enemy because we fight for our land."

As with our only partially successful Somalian venture, the question that needs to be asked is this: How many U.S. soldiers must die before this is no longer a worthwhile effort? My answer is any number more than zero.

When America fought its own civil war, we started it, fought in it, and finished it on our own terms; our way, with our people. This time it's Yugoslavia's turn. They, like us, are a sovereign nation, and have earned the right to handle their affairs without outside intervention.

It's their war, let them fight it.

A few new proposals would require personal responsibility

By Joyce DeVries
el Don Staff Writer

How I long for REAL government reform. I mean legislation that makes government smaller, leaner, more accountable and less burdensome on citizens.

State Senator John R. Lewis recently introduced several bills that bear a closer look.

In the area of education reform, Lewis is attempting to get taxpayers more bang for their buck within the University of California system. Currently, many tenured, highly paid professors in the UC system spend little or no time actually teaching, preferring to palm those duties

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onto graduate students instead. Senate Constitutional Amendment no. 24 would require tenured UC professors to teach at least 24 courses during a four year period, six of which must be undergraduate courses. If they fail to meet this requirement, they would lose tenure and be employed on a probationary status for another four years.

Any professor who still fails to comply would be released and become ineligible for employment within the UC system.

There are other sore spots that fester in our country. Graffiti has become a blight, going beyond simple territorial markings by inner city gangs. Graffiti has become a recreational activity of suburban

teenagers called "taggers." They're tagging everything in sight and must be stopped. To this end, Lewis has introduced SB 583 which would strip the drivers license from minors convicted of graffiti vandalism. Offenders would be sentenced to 40 hours of graffiti cleanup, and 80 hours for subsequent offenses. Moreover, in the case of convicted

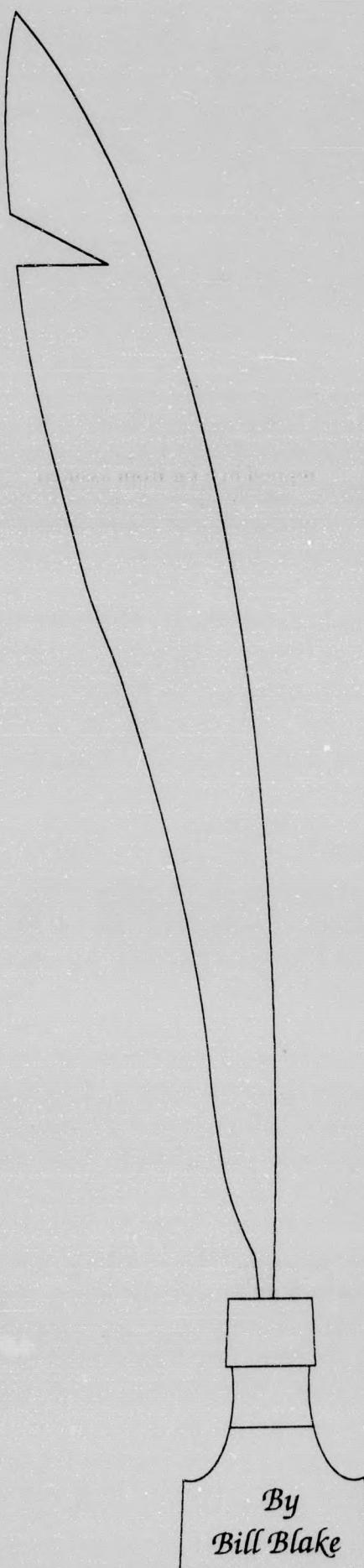
minors, one of their parents would be required to perform graffiti cleanup, and community service with them.

It is absolutely necessary that parents be held responsible for the destructive actions of their children. Tagging generally takes place in the wee hours of the night, when teenagers should be at home in bed. This bill gives parents ample incentive to know exactly where their children are.

These efforts cannot be realized if Democrat-dominated state houses fail to even recognize the efforts of the statesmen who see and propose helpful and intelligent solutions to these problems.

a requiem for writing

One social science instructor, when asked about the value of an RSC-wide writing policy, told me, "Socrates took the hemlock so that I can do what I want in my classroom." In short, no one takes responsibility. We've all created a system without accountability, leadership, focus, discernable product, or pride.



Learning a specific skill isn't enough for today's unpredictable economy. Because everyday features of work and relationships keep changing, we also need to be adaptable. To adapt, we must develop an investigative pattern of thought. In confronting the current pandemic social confusion, each person must learn to observe and comprehend the meaning of everything. The general term for this process of understanding is "critical thinking."

To illustrate, a laid off airline mechanic might, or might not, find a decent job after he retrain as an air conditioning technician. His new air conditioning job might vanish, just like his plane mechanic work has already done. If the unemployed mechanic can't think critically--can't investigate alternatives and create appropriate logical solutions--he or she is in trouble.

Therefore, the real question for RSC teachers is, What educational strategies ensure that critical thinking is practiced and learned? The sole answer is writing. Fill-in-the-blank exams measure memory retention and classification-of-data abilities--but do nothing for higher order mental functions. Only writing (and rewriting after instructor critiquing) lays out the whole thinking process for the instructor's inspection.

Four reasons exist for an RSC-wide writing policy. As previously stated, writing (plus re-writing) is the sole process guaranteeing that higher order critical thinking--investigation, analysis, comprehension, evaluation--is truly learned. Once again, critical thinking is important because it makes us adaptable. If people are to adapt, to advance their personal goals in this crazy economy and chaos of lifestyle choices, they must learn to continually reassess all of them.

Second, we must write in connection with our professions. A beginning engineer's work is often half writing. Many large corporations communicate mainly through written memoranda. The ability to think critically and then to communicate synthesized concepts can help people to bypass the ladder of success and put their feet on the up-bound escalator.

Third, a campus-wide writing policy would confront the student with the hard necessity of thinking proficiently. Students--and potential employers--would have more respect for an institution that presents a unified educational purpose, rather than seemingly random "requirements."

Fourth, many students transferring to state universities need more practice for the essay examination which they must pass to receive the four-year degree. At RSC, they have only their English 101 course as a foundation. [Out of frustration, I decided this semester to survey a total of 55 students in three classes. Not including English and ESL courses, these 55 students had taken a total of 579 classes. Only 144, or 25 percent, of these 579 classes required an out-of-class paper. One student took 15 classes over several semesters without writing one out-of-class paper. A mere 25, or 4 percent of total classes, required rewriting of a theme. Two small departments accounted for 14 of these 25 cases.]

Recently, after prodding from State Title V regulations, RSC decreed that, for AA credit courses, "...Student performance is evaluated by essay unless problem solving or skill demonstration is more appropriate." A small group of teachers have seized upon the spirit of Title V and incorporated writing assignments in AA credit classes. Many more have employed slick evasions, redesigning their course outlines to circumvent the intent of Title V, thereby continuing a lighter workload.

On the whole, we RSC teachers create what Brazilian educator Pablo Freire calls the "banking system of education." We line up students in rows (where they hide behind the heads in front of them) and lecture at them. Then we give them memory-based exams. Our habit is to deposit information into accounts called "students," making withdrawals named "tests" at regular intervals. This focus is teacher-centered, not learner-centered. No genuine learning--conscious critical thinking--takes place.

Why doesn't every teacher make at least one writing assignment? Frequently teachers from other departments will see an English or ESL instructor carrying a

load of papers and say, "You people sure do a lot of work." With this comment, instructors imply two points: first, it's up to English and ESL teachers to require writing; second, I'm not going to do this kind of hard work.

Are RSC instructors capable of evaluating student writing? They almost all have masters degrees and understand what a good topic is for their discipline. For a particular topic, they know what the student should add or leave out. Certainly teachers recognize an improper order of ideas in a paper. They surely can write comments such as "confusing" or "good" on particular sections. These facts being obvious, if teachers don't assign--each semester--at least one piece to be written and rewritten, they are clearly lazy or negligent, or both. More importantly, they are depriving students of critical thinking practice sorely needed at university and in our dangerous, bewildering culture.

All four major RSC groups--Board of Trustees, administration, Faculty Senate, student government--sidestep the writing issue. Their reasons vary, but distill to these: 1) avoiding conflict with the teachers [Board, administration, Faculty Senate] 2) avoiding conflict with students [student government] 3) doing as little work as possible [faculty and students]. One social science instructor, when asked about the value of an RSC-wide writing policy, told me, "Socrates took the hemlock so that I can do what I want in my classroom." In short, no one takes responsibility. We've all created a system without accountability, leadership, focus, discernable product, or pride.

I find the teaching of writing exhausting, but also enjoyable. I'm excited when students produce quality essays and form intimate, self-encouraging critiquing groups. During the last five years I've been thrilled when at least 30 students have informed me, "Mr. Blake, I published a paper." A single rewritten theme can result in this kind of genuine relationship between instructor and student. If students are to attain a higher level of life-enhancing critical thinking, the solution is very clear. Every teacher must assign one rewritten paper per semester.

By
Bill Blake

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at Rancho Santiago College.

Laughing Along

Although Eric Troop has been attending RSC for four years, this is the first semester he has been able to find his classes by himself.

Eric is blind. Born three months premature, the oxygen that saved Eric's life as he lay in an incubator in Children's Hospital of Orange County also caused him to lose his sight.

Most of the routines of college, from walking to class to taking tests, are more difficult for 22-year-old Eric. "Blindness is a handicap. But that doesn't mean that it's insurmountable," Eric said. "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't a handicap, because it does give you disadvantages. They can be overcome, but they're still there."

Eric has faced and overcome many challenges during his four years at RSC, always with his trademark sense of humor.

Empty seats in crowded classrooms can be hard to find when you can't see them, so one day Eric's biology instructor, Arman Guleserian, offered to show Eric to a seat. "I'll be your guide dog," he said, taking Eric's elbow.

Without missing a beat, Eric replied, "No, you don't have the hair for it," breaking up Guleserian and the students that had listened to "Mr. G" making bald jokes about himself throughout the semester.

"I love making people laugh," Eric said. "I sometimes go to great lengths to draw attention to myself because I like making people laugh."

Eric's love for cracking jokes causes a conflict within him, however.

"Sometimes I'll do something and I'll go 'You know, that was going a bit overboard, and you sort of drew attention to yourself more than you needed to.' There's a big argument going on inside myself about drawing attention, because being blind, you tend to draw attention anyway. So, I'm always trying to draw as little attention in that respect as possible.

"But, being a performer and pretty much a ham, I like to have a certain amount of attention, so there's this constant battle going on."

Another battle Eric wages is more typical of twenty-something college students: staying motivated in school.

Eric called his four years at RSC "too long," but said his handicap has had nothing to do with it. "School's never been that much of a priority for me."

Homework and tests, things most students take for granted, are a little more work for Eric. He does research and cranks out assignments with the help of some specialized equipment: a home computer with a modem and voice synthesizer, a Braillewriter, and an Opticon.

The Braillewriter is similar to a manual typewriter, except that it has only six keys, one for each of the six dots that make up the Braille alphabet. Eric uses the Braillewriter to copy down questions for essay exams. He then brailles the answers, and finally types his work on computer, printing it out for the instructor.

A recent "A" on an essay test in Speech 103, Intercultural Communications, had Eric ecstatic, since he does feel confident in his essay writing

By Thea Gavin

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Eric Troop
RSC student

abilities. "You'd think a person who likes to write would be good at essay questions, but it's totally different. I suck at essay questions."

Along with a love for writing, Eric enjoys reading, and is able to read any printed book with the help of an Opticon. This device, about 6 by 8 inches, scans print and forms the shapes of the words on 400 thin metal pins, which Eric runs his fingers over.

There are only six or seven totally blind students at RSC, said Mary Majors, coordinator of the college's physical disabilities program, and each one has their own way of dealing with school work.

"Eric prefers to wing it," Majors said. Many people who have been blind all their lives have good memories, she said, and Eric's is "exceptional."

"I remember a lot in my head, and that's one thing that I'm really grateful for," Eric said. "I don't have a perfect memory, but listening real close to the reviews for the test, I've gotten C's on both biology tests this semester."

Getting C's seem to be the pattern for many of his classes, Eric said. "And you know, a part of me says 'Yeah, you could get A's if you studied' but I like having the time that I have to do other things. It will probably come back to haunt me when I'm 30."

Even though Eric has spent quite a few semesters at RSC, he said he has at least three more to go because he is just starting to work on the math requirement needed to transfer to Cal State Fullerton.

"I hate math and I wish it would die!" is how Eric feels about this highly visual subject.

While he prides himself on the independence that allows him to make it through most classes without any special help, Eric admitted that the visual nature of algebra has forced him to ask the instructor to explain what she is writing on the board as she lectures.

"When we first started the class (Math 050) I didn't ask anything because I don't like asking questions based on what people can see. I feel weird because it's on the board and they can see it,



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and I just feel I'm taking up class time."

Flunking an early semester test caused Eric to rethink his strategy, though, and he said he's been doing better since he started asking questions.

When he does transfer to Cal State Fullerton, Eric said he would probably major in communications.

"My problem is that everything I like and things I'm good at doing, aren't very practical for job marketing. I like to screen write, I'm very good on the keyboards.... but being a musician is not a practical field to get into. Everything I'm good at involves being in the right place at the right time, so it's hard for me to decide on a major."

"It may be naivete, but I just have this feeling that I'm going to be something that I really want. My ultimate job would be to work as a sound editor for Disney. I'm a huge Disney fan... I have the annual pass, I saw Aladdin 17 times."

"I go 'see' movies just like everybody else. I watch TV. To me, watching TV and listening to the radio are the same thing, so sometimes I forget and say, 'Did you watch Mark and Brian this morning?...no, wait, did you listen to Mark and Brian this morning?'

Like Mark and Brian, Eric looks for humor in unusual places. He has found this an effective way to defuse otherwise uncomfortable situations. Tripping down steps and bumping into people are more likely to bring a joke from Eric than a complaint.

"Once people notice that I'm laughing about something, they don't get so hung up about it," Eric said. "And that's really cool, because I figure, if you can't laugh at your problems, then you've got another problem."

While Eric realizes the value of humor, he doesn't see his joking around as a conscious effort to deal with life's downers. "I don't think about it like that. I don't sit there and say, 'This is depressing, so let me joke about it.' I don't take many things seriously, because that's just not much fun."

Eric's advice for dealing with life, for both blind and sighted fellow students, follows the same line of thought: "Laugh at yourself, because everybody else probably is."

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DATELINE

GETTING PERSONAL

By Larry Murrieta
el Don Staff Writer

The search for the perfect life partner is a tiresome experience at best. But according to Henry Jicks, writing major at RSC, if people could overcome the stigma of the personal ad, the search could be "a lot less stressful."

"I took out an ad in the Los Angeles Times Dateline service about a month ago," said Jicks. "I got all kinds of comments from friends who think that personal ads are a joke and I have to admit, there was a time when I thought the same thing, too. But now, I'm making plans to get married and all because of the ad I placed."

Jicks is one of over a thousand people who send in a personal ad every week, according to Dr. Carlos Garcia, senior psychologist at University Hospital of Anaheim. "Many people view personal ads as a last attempt at finding love before they enter the convent or monastery," Garcia joked.

"A personal ad is really nothing to be ashamed of," said Garcia. "Many people find it easier to meet

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through an ad than they do at a bar or some singles event and the attempt at meeting people can bolster a person's self-confidence."

According to Garcia, even if a person has a low self esteem, chances that they would place an ad is greater because of the anonymity that the personal ad offers.

"There isn't any harm involved in writing down a few words and then having someone read it if they read a box number or an alias instead of your name," Garcia said. "It adds to the mystery and allows the person some kind of protection against unwanted attention and wise cracks."

The success of the personal ad has caused more than a few critics to take another look. Justin Ramirez, an English major at RSC, also uses the Dateline service but said that he didn't always think of himself as the "personal ad type."

"If you had asked me if I trusted

in things like personal ads a month ago, I would have laughed in your face and told you that only nerds and low lifes use something as pathetic as a personal ad," said Ramirez. "But now, I'd have to say that they really work."

Ramirez said that as a joke, his friends sent in an ad to the Times Dateline service to teach him a lesson.

"The day I received the letter saying that I was entered in the service I was confused. I sat and thought, 'But I never sent one in' and then it dawned on me what had happened," Ramirez said. "I ended up calling the number just to see what this was all about and I had seven messages. I started to laugh and then I called a couple of the numbers and I haven't been home alone on a Saturday night since."

The new popularity of the personal ad has caught on. Allan Bosworth, a geology student, said

he's used the Times Dateline service several times.

"I haven't been all that lucky with the service but I'm not giving up," said Bosworth. "So far all I've attracted are flighty blonds and mousy types. I don't mind the mousy ones as much as I do the blonds too stupid to speak...The ad I have in the paper now is almost up. I'll put another one in but first I'll make some changes in the wording of my ad."

Ads placed with the Dateline service run for a two week period. The cost is free for a four line ad and \$8 for each additional line thereafter. You also get to pick the audience who reads it, either men seeking women, women seeking men, women seeking women, men seeking men, or mutual interest (pen pals). Also up to you is the geographic area in which you are interested and the list is long: from the Antelope Valley to San Diego

county; it's even possible to place an ad outside of California.

"I think the reason we receive so many ads a week is because we offer a variety of areas of interest," said Stephanie Killerman, a classified employee of the Times. "We offer everyone a chance to use our service. We do see more women sending in ads than men, though. I think it has to do with that unwritten law of machismo that men are taught to adhere to from birth and also, there is a stigma that comes with words 'personal ads', " Killerman said.

Still, not everyone who uses the service is afraid to tell people how they met their boyfriend, girlfriend, or in Henry Hicks case, fiance.

"I'm sending everyone who works at the Dateline service a wedding invitation," said Jicks. "I owe most of my happiness to these people who offered me an avenue to meet the right girl."

"You have to try it [the service]," Ramirez said. "Even if you don't find a match right away, you have the opportunity to meet new people and that's what these ads are really all about; chance meetings."

Student holds wedding for homeless couple

By Jeff Schnauffer
Special to the el Don

The last thing Franklin University student Michelle Creighton expected to do this semester was to have a wedding.

But when she heard the story of Carnell Cobb and Penny Rush, two homeless people in love and expecting a baby, she knew it was time to help the Columbus, Ohio couple get married.

"They just seemed very down to earth," said Creighton, 23, a student in professor Cathey Maze's sociology class that met the couple at a panel on homelessness and poverty. "I think I could relate to them because it was just a string of bad luck that brought them there."

During the panel, the students learned that Cobb, 39, and Rush, 24, had met in 1988 and had been laid off and held temporary jobs ever since. Now that she was five months pregnant and they wanted to marry, they could not afford a marriage license. And without a license, they could not stay at a homeless shelter in Columbus.

"It came out that every time they saved up money for a license, it was winter and they had to spend it on a hotel room," said Bob Paberg, a minister who directed the panel discussion.

Creighton was so moved by the

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couple's story that she immediately volunteered to pay the \$35 for the marriage license. Soon all 23 students in the class were emptying their pockets and making plans to help the couple.

Rings, wedding clothes, flowers, cake and punch for the reception were paid for with several hundred dollars in donations from faculty and students. "It worked out really well," Creighton said. "People were donating \$25 per person."

The wedding was held in Mount Olivet Baptist Church on Feb. 19. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harry Anthony, a 45-year-old student in Maze's class.

Now students are working to help Cobb get a job and permanent housing for the couple. Creighton wants to continue her commitment to the couple and their new baby long after the class is over.

"I plan on being a godmother or frequent babysitter," she said.

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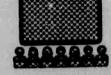
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Students show off talent

Art Gallery finale displays outstanding works from RSC artists

As RSC's art department wraps up another semester, the gallery presents its final student exhibit featuring the best work from the college's art and photo departments.

The show includes a variety of works such as paintings, drawings, ceramics, photography, stained glass and other designs.

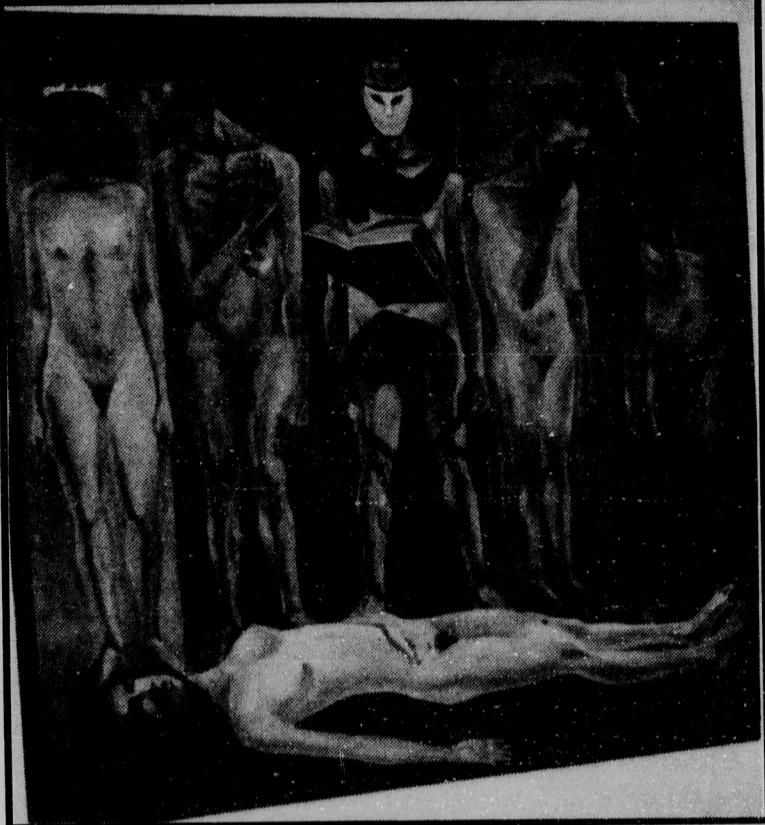
Awards were given to students judged to have created exceptional work. Among the winners were Kim Nelson for her design "Under Poipu," Karen Quagletti for her untitled clay sculptrue, and Edward Priegel for his painting "Study in Line."

"The faculty votes everything that gets in the show," said Ingrid Brook-Kathlow, the gallery assistant. "The pieces that get the most votes get the awards."

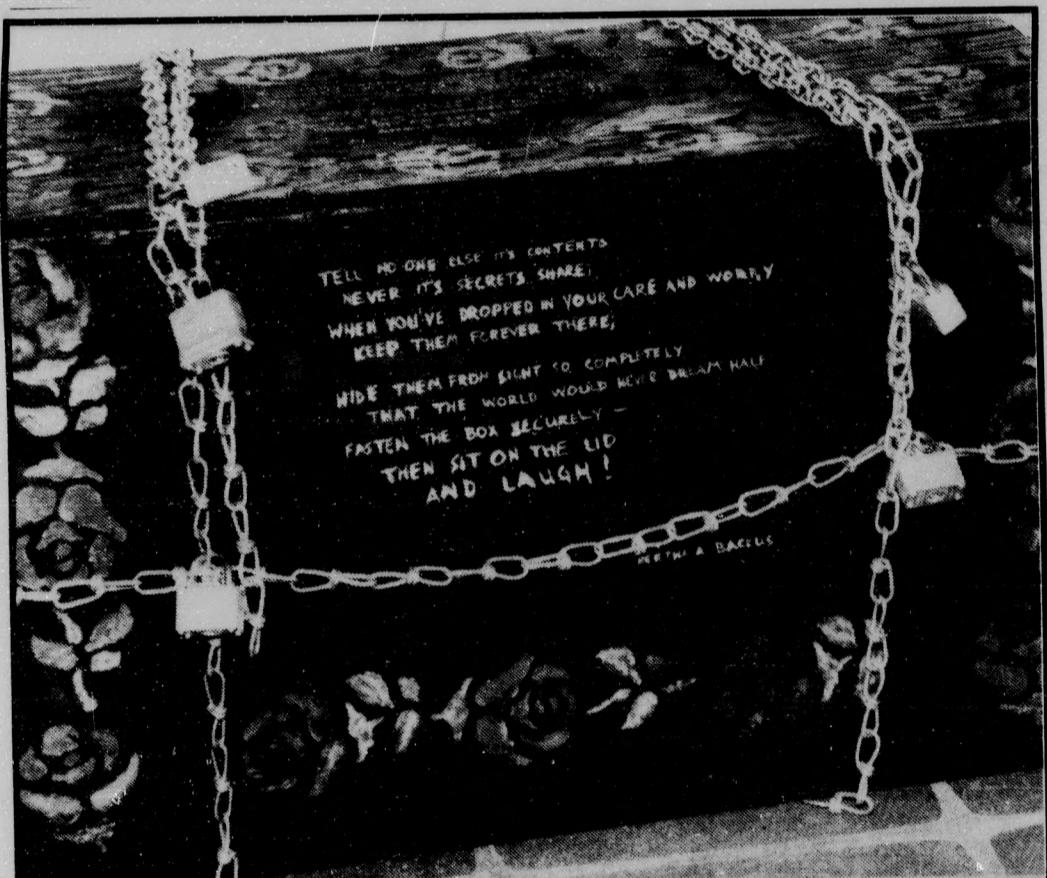
The awards that were given to outstanding students were donated by the RSC art department as well as local art galleries and businesses.

Some of the artists have received offers from other students and art galleries to either purchase or show their displayed works.

The gallery will continue to display the student art through May 14.



One of the paintings on display at the art show is Lan Hoang Vu's work in oil titled "The Communist Curse." Vu produced this as an assignment for Art 230, Intermediate Drawing.

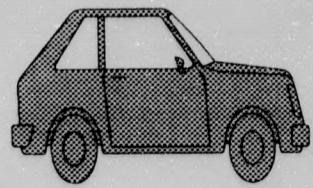


"Bertha's Advice (left) is a mixed media creation by Gail Rose St. Martin. Gail M. Menzel used oil and graphite to create the nude work (right)."

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Dons named players of the week

Rancho Santiago freshman catcher Darren Troilo and sophomore pitcher and designated hitter Steve Thobe have been named players of the week for the past two consecutive weeks by both the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register.

Troilo was 9 for 15, including five extra-base hits, and drove in 10 runs in three games for the week of April 13-20. His best performance came against the Cal Lutheran JV. Troilo was 4 for 6 with three doubles, tying a single-game school record, and 6 RBIs as RSC won, 22-12.

Thobe batted .636 (7 for 11) with 4 runs and 9 RBIs in three games for the week of April 20-27. He tied an RSC record with 8 RBIs in the Dons' 22-17 victory against Orange Coast College. On the mound, he picked up two saves and a victory.

Ex-RSC staffer is promoted

Former Rancho Santiago sports information director Dave Beyer has been promoted from SID to assistant athletic director of external affairs at Aurora University in Illinois.

Beyer, a member of the RSC staff from Sept. 1988 to Aug. 1989, will be responsible for athletic promotions, marketing and fundraising for the school, located 30 miles west of Chicago.

Rancho SID is honored by peers

The Community College Public Relations Organization PRO Awards were handed out at a banquet in San Diego. Dale Ruhe, sports information director at RSC, earned third place for his 1993 Rancho Santiago baseball media guide.

"It's nice to win," said Ruhe. "I just want to put out a good product."

Cancer takes former N.C. State coach

"The '83 team taught me a lot about believing and loving each other," the voice echoed through the capacity crowd in Reynolds Coliseum. "We used the word love' a lot during that season, and we meant it. That team taught me persistence, the idea of never, ever quitting. Don't ever quit."

Jim Valvano moved many people when he said those words last February. Valvano is no longer with us as he died last Wednesday of cancer at the age of 47 at Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Valvano was born March 10, 1946 in New York City. He attended Rutgers University from 1964-67 and was named senior athlete of the year in 1967. Valvano led the Wolfpack to two ACC titles and eight NCAA appearances and coached N.C. State past top-ranked Houston, 54-52, for the national title.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Sat. May 1	Next Game:
RSC 8	Sat. May 8
Fullerton 9	at OCC
	Noon

SOFTBALL

Mon. May 3	Next Game:
Fullerton 1	May 14-15
RSC 4	State Tourney
	TBA

SWIMMING

Sat. May 1	Next Match:
1. Golden West 702	End
8. RSC 200	of
	Season

GOLF

Thurs. April 22	Next Game:
RSC 390	End
Orange Coast 412	of
	Season



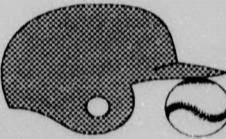
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STEAMROLLED
Brent Coon crashes into RSC catcher Darren Troilo in Saturday's game at Fullerton. Coon was called out on the play.

Hornets crash Rancho's party 9-8

■ Dons strand 16; OCC game Saturday looms large

By Ev Phillips
el Don Staff Writer



FULLERTON - RSC missed a golden opportunity to clinch at least a tie for the Orange Empire Conference baseball title Saturday, leaving 16 runners on base in a frustrating 9-8 loss at Fullerton.

The Dons (30-8, 15-7) are still in first place but Orange Coast (23-15, 13-8) closed to within a game and a half of the lead with a 7-1 victory over Cypress.

Going into the final week of play, Rancho had two games remaining, the Pirates three. The Dons hosted Saddleback May 6 after press time and travel to OCC to meet the Pirates Saturday in a game which could decide the conference championship.

Despite their record, the lowly Hornets (15-22, 5-15) beat the Dons for the third time in four tries.

What started out as a pitching duel between RSC's Jason Dietrich and Fullerton's Damon Newman turned into a high-scoring affair with a little bit of everything thrown into the mix.

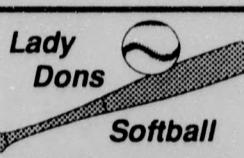
The Hornets broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the fourth with a six-run uprising on four singles, three walks and a two-run error by Don centerfielder Tony Truel.

But the Dons came back with single runs in the fifth and sixth and four more

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Lady Dons make regional playoffs

By Patrick Delaney
el Don Staff Writer



SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Going, going, gone. The Lady Dons (20-18, 14-8) softball team wrapped up their regular season with a 4-1 win over Fullerton Monday.

The Dons finished fourth in the OEC behind Fullerton, Orange Coast and conference leader Cypress. The victories last week over Irvine Valley, Golden West and Cypress brought RSC back into playoff contention.

"The win over Cypress was a big one for us, as we have a chance to make the playoffs," said Kim Nutter, head coach.

The Lady Dons not only ended the season on a positive note, they also broke long-standing records. Starting pitcher Jamie Parker finished the regular season with 155 strikeouts, and shortstop Shannon O'Rourke broke the single-season stolen base record with 18.

Next games scheduled for the Lady Dons are the Southern California Regionals May 14-15, at sites and times to be announced.



AT THE PLATE
RSC outfielder Traci Ellery fouls one off in the Lady Dons 4-1 victory over Fullerton Monday.

GOLF

Dons come up short in finals

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Staff Writer

SINGING HILLS CC - The RSC golf team concluded their season as they finished fifth at the Orange Empire Conference championships.

The squad was just four strokes shy of going to the Southern California championships.

Neil Morash did advance to the Southern California championships and finished within three strokes of going to the state championships.

"We played fair, not quite as good as we could have," said coach Richard Gorr. "Overall, I am pleased with the effort and we should compete for the conference championship next year."

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STAYING AFLOAT

RSC swimmer Majid Ahmadi-Kashani helps the Dons place third at the OEC championships. The Dons concluded their season by finishing eighth in the state.

Dons take third place in OEC

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Staff Writer

HARTNELL COLLEGE - In recent years the Rancho Santiago swim team was more likely to take a dive and not come up swimming. But recently the Dons have surfaced as one of the best teams in the Orange Empire Conference and one of the top ten in the state.

Rancho's season came to an end after placing eighth in the California state championships. The best performance was turned in by Peter Wilson, who finished third in 1650-yard freestyle.

In the Orange Empire Conference championships, Rancho finished third behind

Grossmont and overall champion Orange Coast College. The Dons were in second place after the first day of the championships, but slipped to third place in the final days of competition, which were held at Saddleback College.

Top finishers at the championships included Wilson who finished first in the 1650-yard freestyle and Scott Deboer who finished first in the 200-yard backstroke. Jason Leach placed second in the 200-yard butterfly.

The Dons finished 6-1 in conference competition, with an overall record of 8-1. Some of the RSC swim team goals for next season are to be able to defeat OCC, win the conference title and place higher in the state championships.

RSC's track and field team records personal bests at conference prelims

By Patrick Delaney
el Don Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO - The RSC track and field team returned from the Conference Prelims this past weekend with many personal best accomplishments.

The competition, which was comprised of eleven community colleges in southern California, was to determine which schools would be going on to the conference finals also to be run in San Diego.

In the women's individual competition, Leticia Mora took fourth place in the 1500

meters with a time of 4:46.48. Nia Jones, shot put, tossed the iron 37' 2-1/4", good enough to give her fifth place. In team competition, RSC's Adriana Lozana finished in fifth with a time of 19:11.53, and teammate Sonia Perez came in sixth with a time of 19:26.53 in the 5K.

RSC's men equally had good performances in individual and team competition. Fidel Zavala took first place with a time of 32:12.41 and teammate Joe Suacedo came in fifth place with a time of 33:47.47 in the 10K. Jason Braun launched the sixteen pound shot put 44' 2", giving him fifth place.

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in the seventh to chase Newman and tie the game 6-6.

Ryan Andersen led off the Rancho seventh with a walk. Catcher Darren Troilo singled, then Derek Brown walked to load the bases. That was it for Newman, who was relieved by eventual winner Tim Carman.

But Steve Thobe, who leads the Dons with four home runs, grounded into a 4-6-3 double play to give Carman some breathing room. Andersen scored on the play to cut Fullerton's advantage to 6-3 as Troilo moved to third.

After Chris Lugo was hit by a pitch, Jason Wakefield beat out an infield hit to score Troilo. Truel followed with a long triple to right off the ivy-covered fence at the 373-foot mark, scoring Lugo and Wakefield to tie it 6-6.

Fullerton took the lead back in its half of

the seventh on RBI singles by Jeff Kafoury and Andre Robinson.

RSC cut the margin to 8-7 in the eighth on Brown's RBI single that scored Jason Minici. But the Dons lost a chance to blow the game wide open when Lugo flied out and Wakefield hit into a force play with the bases loaded.

After the Hornets went ahead 9-7 in the bottom of the eighth, Rancho threatened again in the ninth.

Truel led off with his second triple and scored on Matt Kastelic's perfect squeeze bunt to make it 9-8. After Kastelic was out on a fielder's choice, the Dons loaded the bases for Brown and Thobe. But Brown popped out and Thobe flied out to end the rally - and the game.

Jason Hanmer, who relieved Dietrich in the fifth, was the losing pitcher.

Saturday's potentially-crucial game at Orange Coast starts at noon.

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